

HOUSE No. 1395

By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, petition of David B. Sullivan relative to the study of the flow of toxic groundwater at the Browning Ferris Industries landfill in the city of Fall River. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TOXIC GROUNDWATER STUDY AT THE FALL RIVER BFI LANDFILL IN THE CITY OF FALL RIVER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 The department of environmental protection shall prohibit the
- 2 further expansion of the Fall River B.F.I. landfill into phase III
- 3 until said department has completed the independent comprehen-
- 4 sive study to determine the direction and flow of the subsurface
- 5 groundwater surrounding the Browning Ferris landfill in said city.
- 6 This study shall include testing of the groundwater contaminants,
- 7 leeching from the landfill and mapping of the travel direction and
- 8 distances traveled by the contaminated groundwater as mandated
- 9 by section 371 of chapter 149 of the acts of 2004.